

# **BOARD MINUTES**

## **RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Asheboro, North Carolina**

**September 25, 2013**

**Meeting Number 12**

### **Supervisors Present:**

Craig Frazier, Chairman  
Shane Whitaker, Treasurer  
Bill Alston, Vice Chairman  
Craig Macon, Secretary

### **Others Present:**

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.  
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer  
Wes Hicks, S&W Technician  
Kirsten Frazier, Guest  
Randy Blackwood, NRCS

Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. Supervisor travel vouchers were signed and returned.

Staff Calendars and Timesheets were given to supervisors at this time. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda which included Staff Calendars and Timesheets.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Minutes from the August 14, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve these minutes with the corrections.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Reports.

The NRCS Report was given as follows by Blackwood:

- Blackwood reported there is still no Farm Bill.
- Blackwood reported that Joan Howard will begin a 60-day detail as the Acting ASTC-FO in Salisbury starting October 7, 2013.

The RC&D Report was given as follows by Alston:

- Alston reported that the Lassiter Dam Project has been completed. K. Whitaker shared a video of the project.

Parks gave the Education Report as follows:

- Parks and K. Whitaker presented the Sammy Soil Saver Puppet Show and four Enviroscape presentations to the entire kindergarten at Randleman Elementary School.
- Parks reported that the Contest information will be sent out to each school very soon.
- The Calendar for the NC State Fair Soil and Water Booth was shared. Anyone that would like to volunteer should contact Susan Woodard in Johnston SWCD to schedule their time.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker shared with the board that the PY2014 Technical Assistance Allocations have been given - \$25,500 for Salary/Benefits and \$1,083 for Operating.

-Randolph SWCD BMP Allocation is \$50,702.

-K. Whitaker presented contract #76-2014-003 for \$15,184 for livestock exclusion – S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve this contract.

-K. Whitaker presented contract #76-2014-004 for \$3,685 for grassed waterways – S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve this contract.

-K. Whitaker presented the following applications: J. Hailey (exclusion system) and T. Saunders (incinerator). Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to accept these applications.

K. Whitaker gave the CCAP Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker reported that Randolph SWCD has received an allocation of \$3,618 for CCAP.

-K. Whitaker reported that a Request for Payment was signed for contract # 76-12-503 in the amount of \$1,543 outside of the board meeting and has been submitted for payment.

-K. Whitaker reported that a Request for Payment was signed for contract #76-13-501 for well closures in the amount of \$373.00.

K. Whitaker gave the Quilt Trail Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker presented two applications for the Quilt Trail. These property owners already have quilt squares on their barns and wish to be added to the trail: S. Johnson and D. Cox. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to accept these applications and add them to the Quilt Trail.

K. Whitaker gave the AgWRAP Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker presented a contract for approval: contract #76-2014-801-SU in the amount of \$7,500 for engineering services from an outside engineer. Alston moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve this contract.

-K. Whitaker reported that there has been no word if Randolph SWCD will be receiving local funds. K. Whitaker reported that a survey of local needs has been completed regarding AgWRAP.

K. Whitaker gave the CREP Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker reported that a Request for Payment for contract # 76-2014-301 in the amount of \$1,424 was signed outside of the board meeting.

Discussion was had regarding the local farm family winner – Rockin' B Farms.

Parks reminded the board that the State Farm Family Celebration will be held at Isley Farms in Alamance County on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be attending this event.

K. Whitaker reported that she and Parks met with a sub committee education group of the Water Task Force to discuss the possibility of partnering with other local agencies to hold a week long environmental field days for students in Randolph County. The focus will be on the fifth grade students. More information to be presented as it becomes available.

K. Whitaker reported that Jerry Dorsett has sought assistance from her to assist a group of Elon University students with a senior project that involves the Uwharrie Charter Academy. K. Whitaker has forwarded some of the information they are requesting to the City of Asheboro for answers.

Information regarding the August Soil and Water Commission actions was presented to the board for information.

Discussion was had regarding the next Farmer's Appreciation Day Celebration here in Randolph County. Alston moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to hold the event on March 29, 2014. Staff will start work on this event.

Frazier gave an update on the Executive Committee Ad Hoc Committee Meeting that was held in Greensboro a few weeks ago regarding the realignment of Area lines across the state. S. Whitaker moved, Alston seconded, a lengthy discussion followed, after the discussion the board voted unanimously to submit a resolution to the Area 3 SWCD Fall Meeting. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes and it will be forwarded to Area 3 SWCD as soon as possible.

Parks reminded the board that all three staff will be attending the Conservation Employee Training in Kill Devil Hills, NC next week and the office will be closed. Frazier will be attending the Commission work session and the Commission Meeting there next week as well.

The Area 3 Fall Meeting will be held November 7, 2013 in Alamance County. All three staff will be attending as well as Frazier, Alston, and possibly S. Whitaker.

At this time the board went into closed session. Personnel items were discussed during the closed session.

At this time the meeting was open back to the public.

Discussion was had regarding the cutoff date for 2015 cost share applications. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to set a cutoff date of 9/30/13.

It was decided that the October Board Meeting be canceled and the next regularly scheduled board meeting be held the second Tuesday in November.

The following Informational Items were presented:

- ENOTES – NACD
- Area 3 Reports & Calendars by Ralston James and Steve Bennett
- NACD Southeast Region Meeting in Savannah, GA Information

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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**Chairman Signature**

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**Date of Approved Minutes**

The Next Board Meeting will be November 13, 2013, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.  
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